

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The Coaches vs. Cancer program is a nationwide collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches, leveraging the personal experiences, community leadership, and professional excellence of coaches nationwide to increase cancer awareness and promote healthy living through year-round awareness efforts, fundraising activities, and advocacy programs; and,

*Whereas*, The American Cancer Society saves lives and leads the fight for a world without cancer, in partnership with its nonpartisan advocacy affiliate, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; and,

*Whereas*, More than 4,900 South Dakotans will be newly-diagnosed with cancer in 2017; and,

*Whereas*, Cancer patients face countless challenges associated with their diagnoses, including physical, emotional, financial, and day-to-day challenges; and,

*Whereas*, Since 1993, coaches and their supporters have raised nearly \$100 million for the American Cancer Society to help make the American Cancer Society's services and programs available to those who need them the most; and,

*Whereas*, The Coaches vs. Cancer Suits And Sneakers Awareness nationwide effort unites coaches across the country to wear sneakers with their game attire while coaching games during the week of January 23, 2017, and encourages lawmakers and others to similarly wear suits and sneakers to raise awareness about the fight against cancer; and,

*Whereas*, Lawmakers have joined together with their fellow lawmakers nationwide, as well as thousands of volunteers for the American Cancer Society and the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, to advocate on behalf of cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers so that one day, cancer will be eliminated as a major public health issue:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 3, 2017, as

## *SUITS AND SNEAKERS DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State